

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Luke 24:1-12

- 1) After being dead for portions of three days, Jesus of Nazareth was resurrected
 - a) Died as the Passover Lamb on Passover, April 3, AD 33
 - b) Rested in the grave on Sabbath, April 4
 - c) Rose to life early on the *day of first-fruits*, April 5
- 2) Logical signs point to the risen Christ
 - a) Confirmed dead three days prior
 - b) Tomb was known & guarded by Romans
 - c) Tomb was empty, witnessed by many
 - i) Mary Magdalene & the women
 - ii) Roman guards
 - iii) Peter & John
 - iv) Jewish Sanhedrin
 - d) The disciples would not have stolen Jesus' body
 - i) They were scattered & frightened
 - ii) No one dies for a known lie
 - iii) People don't appear when they're dead
- 3) Was Jesus really resurrected?
 - a) Women as first witnesses?
 - b) Wrong tomb?
 - c) Swoon theory?
 - d) Disciples stole the body?

